

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REPLANTATION ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Badiga Shri Ramakrishna

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received a request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for release of funds from National Highways widening project funded by the World Bank for taking up a permanent Avenue Green Belt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds demanded / allocated therefor and released so far; and
- (d) the technical expertise to be provided for replanting of trees along the National Highways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, funds have been released to Andhra Pradesh State Forest Department for undertaking plantations along the highways approved under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP). Rs. 3.30 crores have been released by the Government against the demand of the State Forest Department for the Plantation work.

(d) NHAI has formulated a Tree Plantation Strategy for NHDP, providing detailed guidelines and specifications for tree plantation. The State Forest Department is undertaking the plantation work as per these guidelines.